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AFRC Hearing Minutes

September 29, 2015

In attendance: Laddie Arnold (LA), Elizabeth Mark (EM), Tom Ladner (TL), Blake Gerold (BG), Christie Perkinson (CP), Marcy Prince (MP), Autumn Mahoney (AM), Melinda Wolney (MW), Carleigh Swanson (CS), Clement Loo (CL), Tom, Ladner (TL), Sarah Ashkar (SA), Dave Israels-Swenson (DS)

At 7:09 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

BG has an excellent kohlrabi recipe so ask him about it. Kohlrabi is a vegetable that looks like the bastard child of a cabbage and a radish.

The committee briefly reviewed the guidelines, including attendance, classification, funding restrictions for food and clothing, the basic process for hearings, the importance of viewpoint neutrality and what that looks like in practice, fundraising,

Requests for this meeting exceeded \$14,000, while AFRC has around \$6,000 available for the entire semester. The committee allocated \$6,000 at the last meeting last semester, which is why they are short on funds.

BG asked if we could take from next semester. We can.

Classifications

AISES

AISES is requesting money for the AISES National Conference. There was a little confusion as to what “outside funding” entailed. AISES has attended in large numbers in the past, and have regularly won awards there. EM asked if registration counted as a travel expense, and it does not. The group has significantly fundraised and sought some outside funding. EM motioned to classify as E3. MP seconded. Motion passed. BG asked if it might be an E4 instead because it only benefits the attendees. SA and TL mentioned that some of the aspects of the conference are leadership skills, networking, and national recognition at the conference.

USA

USA is requesting money for their annual fashion show. EM asked why they were planning on buying so many clothes – didn’t they use donations? It was decided that we could classify the request now and ask details later. BG motioned to classify the Fashion Show as an A. CL seconded. Further discussion raised the question of whether the clothes would count as infrastructure, which would be a different classification. Fashion Show classification (A) motion passed. BG motioned to classify clothing as infrastructure. MW seconded. Motion passed. MP motioned to classify the mysterious clothing from the Cities as E4. SA seconded. MP motioned to classify Afro Fitness as B because it isn’t guaranteed to be highly attended. SA also motioned to lump the snacks in with Afro Fitness because they are also for the whole campus. SA seconded. Motion passed.

Students for Life

BG motioned for the event to be classified as an A. CS seconded. The speakers in the past were well attended. DS mentioned that the speaker should have contact with the group already before they're funded for it.

SA motioned to classify the travel to MN March for Life as a C1. MP seconded. Motion passed.

DS said that the club's line item "fleece" was removed because UMN as a non-profit cannot donate money to other non-profits. While this isn't money, this is similar enough that it's dicey.

Psych Club

Movie night, BG motioned to classify as E. MP seconded. Motion not passed. BG motioned to classify as a B. EM seconded. Motion passed.

Bonfire at Pomme de Terre, BG motioned to classify as a C. EM seconded.

Hearings

AISES

Around 20 people were estimated, but only 15 people applied and of those 5 will potentially be presenting and will not need funding if their abstract is accepted. This reduces the amount needed for registration, travel, and hotels. The group is also planning on using taxis to travel instead of renting vehicles. They need 4 hotel rooms for 4 nights. Some attendees are traveling separately or are already fully funded. The request is for the people who are not fully funded. Some of the people who are fully funded will share with the 15 who are planning on attending. The attendees are also asking their tribes for funding. SA asked if students are expected to pay for any part of this themselves. They will be expected to help pay for taxi travel and things like that. SA asked if they were planning on spending funds on any other events over the year, and the group just hosts the Black and White Dance. The group is planning on having bake sales to fundraise further. Other sources of income may be the Science Division, MSP Travel Funds, and Salt Springs. MP motioned to fund at \$3,722. BG seconded.

USA

BLAKE DROPPED THE BANANA. Let the record show that BG is accepting bribes in the form of bananas, and he can't even catch them. Geez.

The club is interested in getting more funding for club activities, namely the International Fashion Show. The group wants to have a set of clothes from various countries for future shows. The group also wants to sell bracelets while they're tabling. They also do culture hours where they have snacks and food relating to the topic the culture hour is about. Afro Fitness is a type of dance-based exercise, but they are also planning on teaching people about a topic.

EM is wondering why the group needs to buy more clothes when they've had more clothes in the past. The group wants to have some back-up clothes on hand, and many of the donors have graduated. The group is also interested in getting more guy clothes for men to model.

SA asked if they are asking for money from other places like BSU and the International Programs Committee. The group said IPC usually came to them, but CL mentioned that they got a new chair that year so the group will have to go to the IPC first.

SA asked about the bracelets bringing in a deficit, and the group has extra bracelet supplies they are going to use.

SA also mentioned that the group can make more requests over the course of the year based on their funding status.

SA motioned to fund at \$1,034. BG seconded. CP asked if it would be possible to go clothes shopping over fall break when they'll be going to the Cities anyways. They said that it might be possible, but they also might be separated and they want to do the shopping together. Funding motion passed.

Students for Life

The blankets would be for pregnancy centers in Morris and surrounding areas.

The speaker is Abby Johnson, a former employee of Planned Parenthood from Texas.

LA mentioned the fleece issue, and also noted that the vehicles also charge for mileage.

EM said that since the speaker isn't coming until the spring, that portion of the request can be postponed until later.

Food for students and speakers during travel are not the same, and speakers are allocated food during their stay.

The group is looking for co-sponsorship with College Republicans and/or The Northstar.

SA did some numbers magic to account for lower travel cost, more regional hotel prices, and the aid of co-sponsorship, and suggested \$2,543 for the allocation.

BG motioned with the provision to fund at \$2,543, with the provision being that they will get funded for the speaker in the spring. SA seconded. Motion passed.

Psych Club

Psych club is hosting a movie night and are hoping to get ORL to help with the costs. BG motioned to fund at \$70. MP seconded. MW abstained. Motion passed. BG motioned to fund Flannels and Freud at \$72. MP seconded. MW abstained. Motion passed.

SA and DS are the alliteration masters.

MP motioned to re-open the **Students for Life** request. SA seconded. The group will be asked to ask for funding again in the spring when their plans are more solidified.

SA motioned to re-open **AISES**. EM seconded. The committee is currently funding the request at 50%, whereas we usually fund at around 20-25%. The group cannot apply for Coke Funds because they applied for those last year. SA asked why AISES is not annually funded. The group has declined application for the annual process. BG motioned to fund at \$3,060. SA seconded. Motion passed.

Vice Chair Election

Vice Chair does special projects, general assistance, being Chair in the future, and a \$150 stipend. MP nominated herself. BG seconded. SA nominated EM and she accepted. CL seconded. Nominations closed.

MP wants to be more involved in AFRC. She serves on MCSA and MPIRG, and is a generally organized person. Even though she's new she can learn quickly and wants to do well. She has her poop in a group.

EM is a seasoned committee member and can speak from a neutral position. She will speak her mind and ask questions and has the interests of the groups in mind. She has her marbles in a bag.

Elizabeth Mark is the new Vice Chair.

BG motioned to adjourn. Everyone seconded, and said aye before LA even asked.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Meara Hove.